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In re Application of:

Nicolas J. Hammond

Serial No. 09/592,404

Filed: June 13, 2000

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
AUDITING NETWORK SECURITY

Examiner: Christian Laforgia

Art Unit: 2131

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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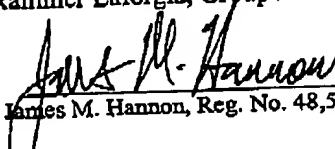
Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed January 2, 2004, please enter the following amendments. Please re-examine and reconsider the application in view of these amendments and appended remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

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